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Director

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF THE AFTER-SCHOOL  
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM CONTRACTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003 AND APPROVE A WAIVER OF THE CONTRACT  
EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE PROGRAM FOR FOUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHO  
SUBCONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
(ALL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve and instruct the Director, Department of Public Social Services, to prepare and execute a contract amendment (Exhibit I) with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to extend the After-School Enrichment Program from October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 at a maximum contract amount of \$8,890,313.
2. Approve and instruct the Director, Department of Public Social Services, to prepare and execute a contract amendment (Exhibit II) with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to extend the After-School Enrichment Program from October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 at a maximum contract amount of \$9,408,546.
3. Find that special circumstances exist to justify a waiver of the Contract Employee Jury Service Program Ordinance, Chapter 2.203 of the County Code, for four school districts who subcontract with LACOE to provide the After-School Enrichment Program services from October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On May 11, 1999, your Board approved the After-School Enrichment Program contracts with LACOE and LAUSD to provide educational, health, social, recreational and cultural programs for CalWORKs children from the first through sixth grade through June 30, 2002. The total amount of these contracts was \$74.4 million; \$39.2 million for LACOE and \$35.2 million for LAUSD. The contracts included a provision giving the Director of DPSS the authority to prepare and sign a one-year extension provided that no additional funds, above the original contract amount, would be needed to cover the cost of the extension.

On June 6, 2002, the Department notified your Board that the contracts would be extended on a month-to-month basis from July 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002. This action was needed to continue funding for the After-School Enrichment Program pending submission of the Report on Prioritization of Performance Incentive (PI) Funds and CalWORKs and Long-Term Family Self-Sufficiency (LTFSS) Projects submitted to your Board on June 17, 2002.

On June 26, 2002, your Board approved \$24.4 million in PI funds to continue the After-School Enrichment Program through June 30, 2003. We are requesting approval of these contract extensions with LACOE and LAUSD. The Director does not have the authority to sign the extensions because they exceed the maximum amount of the contracts approved by your Board in May 1999. With the approval of this recommendation, the Department will extend the After-School Enrichment Program contracts with LACOE and LAUSD from October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

Currently, the After-School Enrichment Program is operational at 93 LACOE sites and 71 LAUSD sites. A total of 7,928 children are enrolled in the program; 2,619 with LACOE and 5,309 with LAUSD. Extending the contracts will provide quality child care for nearly 8,000 elementary school-age children in Los Angeles County. The recommended action will give these children the opportunity to continue to participate in enriching educational and cultural activities. It will also allow for the enrollment of children receiving Medi-Cal and/or Food Stamps while maintaining priority enrollment to open slots for CalWORKs children.

### **Jury Service Program**

The contracts have been amended to include the Contract Employee Jury Service Program ordinance language which requires all County contractors and subcontractors to provide their full-time employees with reasonable jury service benefits. LACOE and LAUSD are in compliance with the Jury Service Program ordinance.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION (Cont.)**

**Jury Service Program (Cont.)**

LACOE subcontracts with 20 school districts to provide After-School Enrichment Program services. Four of these subcontractors, Long Beach, Pasadena, Lawndale and Bellflower, have existing collective bargaining agreements which provide some level of paid jury service benefits for their full-time employees, but not up to five days as required by the ordinance. The districts must modify their collective bargaining agreements to meet the jury service requirements. This would require the districts to open negotiations with union representatives. LACOE has informed the Department that the school districts are unable to open and complete negotiations by September 30, 2002, when the month-to-month contract extension expires.

Therefore, a special circumstance waiver from the Contract Employee Jury Service Program Ordinance, Chapter 2.203 of the County Code, is requested for Long Beach, Pasadena, Lawndale and Bellflower as permitted under the ordinance. Granting this waiver will enable the 1,380 children enrolled in the After-School Enrichment Program with these subcontractors to continue receiving services from October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. LACOE will continue to work with these school districts to facilitate compliance with the jury service program in any collective bargaining agreements re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2003.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action is consistent with the principles of Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal 5, to improve the well-being of children and families by providing quality after-school care in a safe environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost of funding the After-School Enrichment Program for Fiscal Year 2002-03 is \$24.4 million in PI funds as approved by your Board on June 26, 2002. There is no net County cost impact. Of this amount, \$6,101,141 was allocated to fund the month-to-month contract extension for the period from July 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002. The remaining amount, \$18,298,859 will be used to fund the After-School Enrichment Program services from October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

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### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Department of Public Social Services has an existing contract with LACOE and LAUSD to administer the After-School Enrichment Program through June 30, 2002. The contracts, as approved by your Board on May 11, 1999, include a provision to extend the program for one-year. On June 6, 2002, the Department extended the contracts on a month-to-month basis from July 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002 pending approval of funding recommendations contained in the Report on Prioritization of Performance Incentive Funds and CalWORKs and Long-Term Family Self-Sufficiency (LTFSS) Projects submitted to your Board on June 17, 2002. With approval of PI funds for the After-School Enrichment Program by your Board on June 26, 2002, this recommendation will extend the contracts and funding for this program from October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The California Department of Social Services has approved an extension of these contracts through June 30, 2003. State regulations exempt these contracts from the formal bidding process because the service is being provided by public educational institutions. Salaries for the contracted staff are based on negotiated amounts with the contractor's unions.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Approval of these recommended actions will permit continuing quality after-school care for approximately 8,000 children in Los Angeles County including 1,380 children who receive After-School Enrichment Program services provided by Long Beach, Pasadena, Lawndale and Bellflower School Districts and who are at-risk of losing services because these districts are not currently in compliance with the jury service ordinance. It will also provide CalWORKs parents of these children who are working and participating in GAIN activities with options for selecting child care services.

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**CONCLUSION**

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to send one adopted copy of this Board Letter to the Director, Department of Public Social Services.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c:     Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
       Chief Administrative Officer  
       County Counsel  
       Acting Superintendent, Los Angeles County Office of Education  
       Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District